

Mid-America Buddhist Association

Join us every Sunday

for meditation, chanting, and study
in-person at MABA
(299 Heger Lane, Augusta, MO)



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Hello Friends!

April showers bring May flowers and spring has most definitely sprung! Everybody is hard at work, with the Master planting in the garden, Venerable Kong Yan is still in school, and she also managing the [DBS Program](#) plus [IBFA Sunday program](#), Venerable Zhao Zhan tending to the chickens and roosters and Venerable Kong Shi is working with Grace on the E-news! Read more to find our upcoming events and see what we've been up to! If you missed any Sunday Dharma talks, no problem, visit our [YouTube](#) to see what you missed.



Note that the application for admission to the 2024-2026 Diploma in Buddhist Studies is still open.



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Sunday Morning at MABA schedule:

9:30 – Silent Meditation

10:10 – Dharma Talk by Master Ji Ru (if there is no dharma talk, then we will continue silent meditation)

10:45 – Chanting

11:10 – group discussion at the Manjushri Hall

11:45 – Vegetarian Lunch at Blue Lotus House

[Event Calendar](#)



Buddhist Teaching of the Month

The wise are controlled in bodily action, controlled in speech and controlled in thought.
They are truly well-controlled.

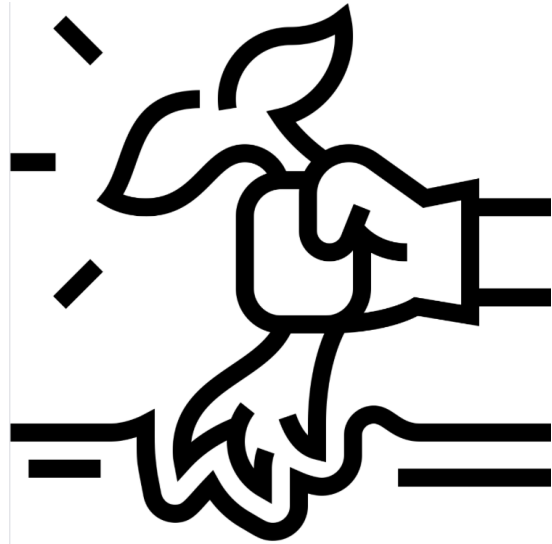
–Dhp 234 Kodhavagga: Anger by
Acharya Buddharakkhita



VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME! SEW THE SEEDS OF GOOD DEEDS

The spring season is here! Our monastery is happy to receive any help in cleaning the Chan Hall, yard work and gardening. Join us on Saturdays, with vegetarian lunch provided. Please let us know if you are willing to come and help.

Volunteer



Upcoming Events!

MABA is still in deep reflection, so events will be fewer and far between, if you would like to see us before then visit us on Sundays or volunteer on Saturday

June 9th

- Vesak day at

Fo Guang Shan St. Louis Buddhist Center

Organized by the Buddhist Council of Greater St. Louis, MO

2024

Vesak Day

Commemorating the Birth, Enlightenment,
and Death of the Buddha

Sponsored annually by the Buddhist Council of Greater St. Louis



Bathing Buddha, Meditation, Chanting, Dharma Talk,
Exploring Stations to meet Buddhist Leaders of
different traditions

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:00 - 11:30am (Vegetarian lunch begins at 11:30am)
@ Fo Guang Shan St Louis Buddhist Center



scan to check
detailed schedule

Free and Open to Public



Master Ji Ru's Upcoming Teaching Events

5/19/24-Vesak Day at IBFA Chicago

<https://www.ibfachicagotemple.org/events>

6/2-23/24 -Sundays ONLY - Dharma Teaching at IBFA Chicago (in Chinese)

<https://www.ibfachicagotemple.org/events>

9/15/24 -Teaching at BAUS, New York, in Memory of Dr. CT Shen

<https://www.baus.org/en/activities/chuang-yen-monastery-activities/diamond-sutra-study-retreat-series-2-ven-ji-ru-9-15-9am-3pm/>

10/16 /24- 11/13/24 - Teachings in Malaysia



What's happened?

Keep Up With the Latest News at MABA!



Chinese New Year
Chanting
MABA hosted other
monks and nuns to
bless the year ahead
of us!

Master Ji Ru replaced the
glass roof of the
greenhouse!

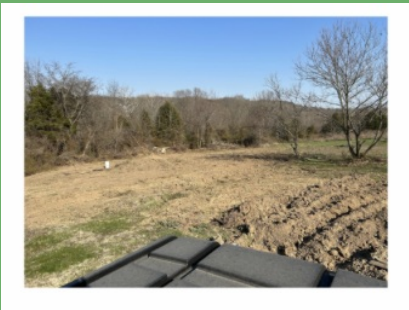


Master Ji Ru met with old
college Monk friends in
the high altitudes of
Colorado!





Representatives from the 5 major religions gathered at Principia College for a summit organized by the alumni. Master Ji Ru and Lee were both in attendance.



MABA was hard at work clearing out the back garden to make room for new plants and for easy maintenance, stay tuned to see how it grows!

We remember and bless our departed loved ones at the Di Zang Hall during the Qing Ming Memorial ceremony!





Spring has sprung! We welcome the new plants and animals as the season progresses! It is also time to tend to the garden, volunteers are always welcome!



Although we are not in totality, the solar eclipse was pretty cool!



Monastic "Deep Reflection" Retreat

This year from October 2023 till September 2024 MABA monastic community will take time to have a deep reflection retreat, dedicated to studying Samyutta Nikaya and Samyukta Agama. During that time few changes will happen, including:

- MABA is open to the public on Sundays only.
- Events that MABA will organize during this period are Sunday Mornings, Qingming Blessing and Dizang Blessing. New events and retreats after October will be announced later.
- MABA will begin accepting overnights requests on October 1, 2024.



From October 2023 till September 2024 MABA monastic community will be in a deep reflection retreat dedicated to studying Samyutta Nikaya and Samyukta Agama. During that time MABA will not accept applications for the monastic training program. But if you are interested to know more about this program and would like to apply later, please do not hesitate to reach out.

[Contact us](#)



Dana

is the virtue of giving. Monastic community is fully dependent on the lay community support. As for now MABA almost fully relies on the support of traditional Asian community. It is very important for us to help Western community to develop six paramitas (perfection), first of which is the virtue of giving. The importance of practicing Dana is known through it's benefit for overcoming lower fetters, such as greed and ignorance, and the way to accumulate merits, that will support the practice of meditation. Without preliminary effort to establish virtuous actions, the practice of meditation often become fruitless. Do not hesitate and seize any opportunity to develop this virtue.

Thank you for your outgoing support!

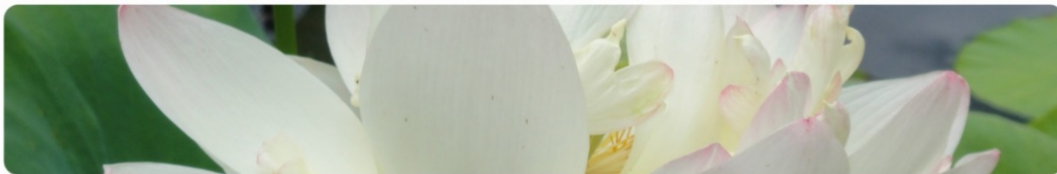
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Dharma Talks



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Video of the Month

MABA celebrates its 23 anniversary with a documentary all about the beginning of MABA



繼如法師粵語開示 「佛說老女人經」

第一講：

- 6月7日 美国东部- 星期五晚上8:30-9:30
- 6月7日 美国西部- 星期五晚上5:30-6:30
- 6月7日 美国中部- 星期五晚上7:30-8:30
- 6月8日 亚洲 (香港)- 星期六早上9:30-10:30

第二講：

- 6月8日 美国东部- 星期六晚上8:30-9:30
- 6月8日 美国西部- 星期六晚上5:30-6:30
- 6月8日 美国中部- 星期六晚上7:30-8:30
- 6月9日 亚洲 (香港)- 星期日早上9:30-10:30

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的連線,或加入WhatsApp或微信的“繼如法師講經群組”里.



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佛法 开示

妙云集之《佛法概论》解读 (普通话)

主讲：继如法师

日期：6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23

(六月份的每周日)

时间：10:00–11:30 AM CT

地点：正觉寺三楼



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如有任何询问，请联络我们：Email: ibfa2251@gmail.com; Tel: 312-265-1111



Volunteer of the Month

Miao and Grace

Miao (right) has brought her daughter Grace (left) since she was only a few months old! Grace now comes and



writes the monthly newsletter. She is always ready to offer a smile!

Miao has been pulling weeds and keeping the gardens maintained, she is always trying her hardest at what ever she does!



ADDITIONAL SERVICES



Interfaith

MABA accepts invitations from schools, educational institutes and other religious organizations to introduce Buddhism and mindfulness practice, as well as to join interfaith dialogues that promote mutual understanding between practices.

[Learn more](#)



Lanterns

For our Dharma friends and supporters who wish to make a dedicated lantern offering, we will engrave a tablet in your name (or any name you wish) and place it at the pavilion.

[Lantern offerings](#)



Funeral services

Reservation of the niches, ordering the urns, placing the urns, relocating the urns, chanting service for transference of merits, funeral services, placement of name tablet of ancestors, and visiting dying patients.

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